



## NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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NGA-2018-FOI-00077

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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request #2018-FOI-00077

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter responds to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request you submitted to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) dated 18 June 2018, in which you requested: ***"Copies of all drafted, submitted or received SF-716 forms (Caution-[www.archives.gov/files/isoo/security-forms/sf716.pdf](http://www.archives.gov/files/isoo/security-forms/sf716.pdf)) produced from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2017. SF-716 forms are filed annually and may also be identified as Agency Security Classification Costs Estimate."***

After a careful review of the documents responsive to your request, NGA subject matter experts have determined that the documents may be released in part with some information being withheld pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and (b)(6).

FOIA exemption (b) (1) authorizes the withholding of classified information as described in Executive Order 13526.

- § 1.4(c), It authorizes classification of information that is relevant to intelligence activities (including covert action), intelligence sources or methods or cryptology;
- § 1.4(g), which authorizes classification of information that is relevant to vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installations, infrastructures, projects, or plans relating to national security.

FOIA exemption (b) (3) applies to information exempt from disclosure by other statutes. In this instance the federal statute is 10 U.S.C. §424 which authorizes NGA to withhold the identity of its employees.

FOIA exemption (b) (6) protects all information about individuals in "personnel and medical files and similar files" when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

Appeals to this determination should be made in writing within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. In the appeal you should reference FOIA case **2018-FOI-00077**, detail your reasons for reconsideration, and include a copy of this letter. Your appeal

should be mailed to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, FOIA/Privacy Act Program Office, Mail Stop N22-SISM, 7500 GEOINT Drive, Springfield, VA 22150.

There are no fees associated with the processing of this request and we consider this file to be closed if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please contact Tiffany Richardson, FOIA Specialist or Charles Melton, FOIA/PA Program Manager at (571) 557-4141 or via email at [FOIANGA@nga.mil](mailto:FOIANGA@nga.mil).

Additionally, the NGA FOIA public liaison (571) 557-7729 is available to you for any concerns or disputes you may have related to your FOIA request. You may also seek information and resolution regarding your request through the Office of Government Information Services at (202) 741-5770 or via email at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov).

Sincerely,



William M. Caniano  
Director, Office of Corporate Communications  
Public Release Officer and FOIA Initial  
Denial Authority

Enclosure

1. Responsive Documents (20 pages)